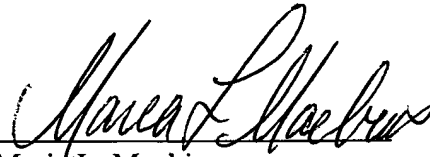


**CONCLUSION**

In view of the foregoing remarks, Applicants believe that the application is in condition for allowance. However, if the Examiner disagrees, she is encouraged to call the undersigned at the number listed below in order to expedite the prosecution of this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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